12/19/68- Vince gave me a copy of your 11/27 letter to him when we were in N.O. I did not have time to read it until last night. I am, in general, in accord with your positions, for the most part entirely and specifically. This fear of espionage and violence was so exploited, the man was intellectually incapacitated by it, fearing communication in any form, preferring none to interception. And of what? Of nothing! Thus the major problem was overlooked. There was no concern over theplanting of bad information and where it could lead, what it could do, and those who might do something about it were, by the same people and at the same time, immobilized. There was, for example, an enormous campaign against me, to deny me the ear. Simultaneously, they kept feeding reports of pending assassinations. I have just found that paralleling the one reported to me from San Francisco when I was down there very early this year, was one that really prepared for it from NY, by Striso. I must agree with Vince on the paralyzing (and worse) effect of this terror and brainwashing. One of the products is that only those unworthy of trust enjoyed it. My appraisals of his health to you were precisely

accurate, unfortunately. It is for this reason, on making the discovery I did, that I enlisted Vince. He also could have done what he did. If it takes a crook to catch a crook...? So, we still have major problems and will be fortunate to survive the first...I have been able to do almost nothing else since making the discovery. It required that much time. Now I must concentrate on preparing for going back. I wish I knew whether it would be good to have him there, for his mind is fresher and his recall better, and he has gone into areas I have not. Or you, which I presume is impossible...As soon as I get everything I had with me and brought back put away, and get the house ready for the winter, an odd chore to remain after zero temperatures and snows, I'll be on that again. I haven't been able to look at the mss since before I saw you, which I deeply regret, or do anything else about them. Or any other writing, and I want very much to complete Agent Oswald. Here I ask you to note every unusual thing you can recall about Snyder for me, please. I have reason for this....It is essential to write and speak of Turner, yet it is also possible to be unfair, as I must concede perhaps Vince has been. However, if one restricts himself to the effect, there is no

possibility of any unfairness, none of misinterpretation. I cite you but two examples: Bradley and Rose. When even Jaffe wondered about Rose, Turner's assurance assuaged him. And Jaffe, recall, is the one who told Rose when I asked him to get a picture for me! I suspected Rose immediately, and was right. On Bradley, while smothering in fears for life, Turner came up with B, Boxley joined in with him, they conducted the "investigations" together (and I have them-they are ridiculous) and would have gone much further had there not been a revolt at home. At the same time there would have been action against the two of the trio I turned on last February and the third, who I never got to, and others. There was a compromise on B. This actually was T. I have his memo on it. And the entire thing was entirely incredible, with insane people presented as rock of society, enemies as impartial and dependable witnesses, etc. Every bad turn started here, and I have almost 100% of it in writing. Restricting it to the central thing, which is divorced from official agency, there is no doubt at all. He was ruin. Without the unlamented one who is gone, the effect would have been the same, only the cost would have been less and the preying on the mind less constant...Now that I have discovered with whom it all (BRADLEY) began, one Tommy Thornhill, who lives with people (LYDLOTTE) suing Bradley and are, if anything more extreme, I have asked a trusted man on that scene to try and learn what he can for me. It is not really too important, yet it might be good to know....From this perhaps you can understand that with the entire investigation captured from the first and misdirected (with Mort and Mark unfortunately an important though probably not conscious

backstopping and fortification, I think you can understand that no real work of any kind was done. I believe the current case is approximately where it was when the first official action was taken. I believe virtually 100% of the time and money was wasted and worse. This is why I had to keep going back, to try and do as much of what was not being done as I could. It was not enough. I am now in a position to begin a real investigation, not at the end of one. There is an enormous amount of checking out to be done there....If you examine the timing you will see that the Supreme Court acted immediately after the planned action. Had it come off the way it was planned, they would have acted otherwise, moved (and very properly) to protect the accused, and there would likely have been a disbarment. Immediately on the heels we have Hepburn, with a bad book and a movie that in itself may be enough to achieve a mistrial. And who do we have involved in that? Amateurs carrying official credentials. That, too, begins with Rose and Turner. When we halted what was in the works, the movie was suddenly delayed getting here for its opening, and the people were unavailable by phone. Imagine that, of people with the money behind them this project so obviously has. It is a very expensive one, with no signs of any economies. I saw the accomodations Jaffe and Lamarre had in N.O. Each had an expensive suite, not a motel room. For the improvised showing of the movie to college audiences only? With the stolen Zapruder film in it? Not likely. And I have made other connections that are solid and tangible, less than I might because one of us blew much of it up.

Jaffe is not an agent (who would use him-who need pay for what he does so instinctively without it?) but he probably wasted more money than any other person aside from B. He was introduced by Mark, with the promise he'd pay even his own expenses, and aside from the very serious harm he has done he managed to do his own filming at the expense of others, for he did collect and he is not the kind who travels and lives inexpensively. He got a two-month filming vacation in Europe for nothing - except the cost of the investigation...Please believe me, the record on Turner, Boxley and Palmer is only too clear. I differ from Vince in only his conviction all were agents. Palmer seems to have disappeared. He fell entirely silent after I spent the afternoon of 12/7 with him, for when I left he knew what had already happened and was about to. Boxley flew back to N.O., saw him, and flew out again, immediately. The only people P saw he merely complained about my "grilling" him (which is not what I did to him at all). His phone has been disconnected! This may not mean what it seems to, but until I am satisfied it does not, I give it the obvious interpretation. He also was living much higher than he could afford, had even moved to N.O., not just gone there for a brief period of writing. Fortunately,

Bud was with me. I regret there could be no tape recording (he would not permit), for my vanity so longs for a permanent record of what transpired...Nor is there any possibility the people involved didn't know better. They led witnesses into feedbacks and then were not content, had to manufacture. One example: a non-existent store of "engineering equipment" was thus alchemized into "communications equipment" when in reality it was an accumulation of beer cans and cigarette butts. ...One by-product is to refocus attention on that pathological liar, Nancy Perrin Rich Hamilton and parts of her story. It turns out that one of the things denied the office but given to Pahmer by Boxley is a telegram to Eddie Brawner asking him to join the Bay of Pigs. I blew it out of P when I blew his mind. This is quite consistent with the rest of her story, or at least the essence of it. The problem with her is what I think is her inability to distinguish between truth and falsehood. But with what I now know, I think, if I could get to her, I could turn her on. The problem is what would I then have, what could I then believe?... I began not intending this much, but there are these things I thought I should share with you. It grew as I thought, first thing on awakening. Please let no one

but Hal and Jim know, and then only in person and if you think desireable. After you read this, please return it...We will now have to see what ensues. There were some decisions made and agreed to. The case is to be handled by Alcock, assisted by Moo. Jim is going to concentrate on getting re-elected and, I have a notion, writing a book. He is currently in the hospital with the flu, having vomited for four days without seeking medical aid. There are to be no dealings with outside investigators except through me (I did not ask this and was not present when the decision was made). The purpose is to filter out all the crap and keep separated from the conscious or unconscious finks. I do not expect implimentation for very long. They want me there from before the trial begins, and I will be there. I tell you it is at some sacrifice, for in addition to the ongoing problems, I have suits I must file and cannot get to them and I have a considerable amount of money to raise on my indebtedness and cannot even seek it. And I am so tired! When the trial is over I must undertake to rebuilt myself so I can work more effeciently and be in safer health. Let me inject a joke: in talking to Moo about Jim's health,

he was unconcerned about the hospitalized Jim but warned me not to get the flu, for they couldn't afford it!... I still do not know what their case or evidence is...Probably I'll be in touch with you often once I am there again, for what you may have on various things that may come up. When you can, please tell me your normal schedule, if there is any such thing, so I can know when to call and when not to. If the court sits until 5 p.m. N.O. time, that is three yours. Would you normally be home at four or five your time? When is the last outgoing mail available to you? In real emergencies, if it will save time, would it be possible to take things to the airport to save time? That should make for ~~same~~ one day delivery. ...Moo was pleased to know you will do the Wasp memo immediately and that he'll have it by Xmas or a day or so later. By the way, do you have the report that says there were fingerprints on a Wasp handbill and they were not Oswald's? I do. I've rambled, but I've wanted to try and inform to the degree I can. Now to other work.

Sincerely,

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